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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for a three-month extension, a petition pursuant to 37

C.F.R. §1.136(a) and authorization to charge the requisite fee being enclosed.

Prior to any action on the merits, please amend the subject application as follows:

Any fee due as a result of this paper, not covered by an enclosed check, may be charged on Deposit Acct. No. 50-1290.

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